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New Port of Baltimore Website Feature Improves Efficiency

In the never-ending quest to increase productivity and save time, an E-mail notification system has been added as the newest enhancement to the Port of Baltimore's website. Forwarders, brokers, and truckers can now log into the Community Inquiry Services link and find out the exact disposition of an import container.

Precise information about its status - has it been line cleared, customs cleared, its last free day, and other information - is instantly available.

Additionally, if the container has not yet been released, authorized users can request an E-mail be sent to them the moment it's ready for pick up. Initial reaction from the truckers on its first day of operation has been highly enthusiastic.

Impetus and ideas for this longed-for feature came from the users of the port, the truckers, brokers, and forwarders themselves. Richly-deserved kudos are awarded to Ki Choi and the Information Services Department of the Maryland Port Administration, for preparing all the software themselves, in-house.

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